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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUXEMBOURG 0408

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: THORN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON UN

REF: STATE 126450

1. PRIME MINISTER THORN TELLS US THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR ON JUNE 19. IN ADDITION, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WURTH AND DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PAUL MERTZ WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM, POSSIBLY DURING A WORKING LUNCH. PLEASE ADVISE US WHEN AMBASSADOR BUFFUM PLANS TO ARRIVE AND DEPART LUXEMBOURG SO THAT A FIRM PROGRAM CAN BE DRAWN UP.

2. WURTH TELLS US THAT THORN HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON THE CONCRETE SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS HE WILL HAVE TO FACE IN THE UNGA, AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WANT TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF UPCOMING E.C. DISCUSSIONS ON THE U.N. BEFORE DECIDING ON A FIRM PLAN OF ACTION. NONETHELESS, WURTH BELIEVES THAT THE VISIT IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL AND TIMELY SINCE IT WILL ALLOW AMBASSADOR BUFFUM TO BRIEF THORN ON ISSUES THE U.S. BELIEVES ARE IMPORTANT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THORN AND HIS SENIOR STAFF. WURTH ALSO AGREED THAT AMBASSADOR BUFFUM'S VISIT WOULD RECEIVE NO PUBLICITY, BUT THAT IF QUESTIONS ARE ASKED, THE GOL WOULD REPLY ALONG THE LINES OF THE LAST SENTENCE IN REFTEL. SINCE THORN AND HIS TOP AIDES APPRECIATE RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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CEIVING WRITTEN RESUMES OF U.S. VIEWS THAT THEY CAN

STUDY AND INCORPORATE INTO THEIR OWN POSITION PAPERS,
WE RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR BUFFUM BRING WITH HIM
BRIEF POSITION PAPERS THAT COULD BE LEFT WITH HIS LUXEM-
BOURG INTERLOCUTORS.

3. COMMENT: I WARMLY WELCOME AMBASSADOR BUFFUM'S DE-
CISION TO COME TO LUXEMBOURG. THIS VISIT, COMING SHORTLY
AFTER THORN'S MAY 29 BREAKFAST MEETING IN BRUSSELS WITH
THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, GUARANTIES THAT U.S. INFLU-
ENCE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REMAIN STRONG DURING
HIS UPCOMING UNGA AND E.C. PRESIDENCIES.
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